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1.	D.H.	3,398,434	08/27/68	Alesi, Jr., et al.		
2.	D.H.	3,583,036	06/08/71	Brown		
3.	D.H.	3,597,799	08/10/71	Earle		
4.	D.H.	3,695,188	10/03/72	Granatstein		
5.	D.H.	3,702,100	11/07/72	Wharton		
6.	D.H.	3,779,687	12/18/73	Alesi		
7.	D.H.	3,783,078	01/01/74	Brodhead		
8.	D.H.	3,787,158	01/22/74	Brown, et al.		
9.	D.H.	3,867,088	02/18/75	Brown, et al.		
10.	D.H.	3,868,209	02/25/75	Howell		
11.	D.H.	3,919,382	11/11/75	Smarook		
12.	D.H.	3,919,445	11/11/75	Smarook		
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14.	D.H.	3,964,400	06/22/76	Brand		
15.	D.H.	4,013,021	03/22/77	Steinlein, et al.		
16.	D.H.	4,070,839	01/31/78	Clem		
17.	D.H.	4,079,232	03/14/78	Brokoff, et al.		
18.	D.H.	4,101,252	07/18/78	Brown		
19.	D.H.	4,113,909	09/12/78	Beasley		
20.	D.H.	4,133,270	01/09/79	Ravera		
21.	D.H.	4,158,539	06/19/79	Arends, et al.		

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23.	D.H.	4,164,389	08/14/79	Beasley		
24.	D.H.	4,194,663	03/25/80	West, et al.		
25.	D.H.	4,244,915	01/13/81	Boardman		
26.	D.H.	4,255,382	03/10/81	Arends, et al.		
27.	D.H.	4,287,836	09/08/81	Aoki		
28.	D.H.	4,348,442	09/0/82	Figge		
29.	D.H.	4,377,377	03/22/83	Arends, et al.		
30.	D.H.	4,464,329	08/07/84	Whiteside, et al.		
31.	D.H.	4,488,496	12/18/84	Polacco		
32.	D.H.	4,507,348	03/26/85	Nagata, et al.		
33.	D.H.	4,509,432	04/09/85	Win		
34.	D.H.	4,509,909	04/09/85	Arends		
35.	D.H.	4,513,048	04/23/85	Kaube, et al.		
36.	D.H.	4,531,901	07/30/85	Andersen		
37.	D.H.	4,555,381	11/26/85	Chazal, et al.		
38.	D.H.	4,600,376	07/15/86	Gillman, et al.		
39.	D.H.	4,606,278	08/19/86	Shuert		
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43.	D.H.	4,666,544	05/19/87	Whiteside, et al.	✓	
44.	D.H.	4,742,781	05/10/88	Shuert	✓	
45.	D.H.	4,846,077	07/11/89	Win	✓	
46.	D.H.	4,907,515	03/13/90	Win	✓	
47.	D.H.	4,969,812	11/13/90	Brown	✓	
48.	D.H.	5,007,225	04/16/91	Teasdale	✓	
49.	D.H.	5,030,501	07/09/91	Colvin, et al.	✓	
50.	D.H.	5,042,396	08/27/91	Shuert	✓	
51.	D.H.	5,046,434	09/10/91	Breezer, et al.	✓	
52.	D.H.	5,071,603	12/10/91	Kurumaji, et al.	✓	
53.	D.H.	5,088,418	02/18/92	Reckermann, et al.	✓	
54.	D.H.	5,108,529	04/28/92	Shuert	✓	
55.	D.H.	5,117,762	06/02/92	Shuert	✓	
56.	D.H.	5,123,359	06/23/92	DelBalso	✓	
57.	D.H.	5,123,541	06/23/92	Giannini, et al.	✓	
58.	D.H.	5,143,778	09/01/92	Shuert	✓	
59.	D.H.	5,156,782	10/20/92	Ballantyne	✓	
60.	D.H.	5,164,211	11/17/92	Comer	✓	
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62.	D.H.	5,168,817	12/08/92	Nulle, et al.	✓	
63.	D.H.	5,197,395	03/30/93	Pigott, et al.	✓	
64.	D.H.	5,197,396	03/30/93	Breezer, et al.	✓	
65.	D.H.	5,225,213	07/06/93	Brown, et al.	✓	
66.	D.H.	5,226,373	07/13/93	Esch	✓	
67.	D.H.	5,255,613	10/26/93	Shuert	✓	
68.	D.H.	5,283,028	02/01/94	Breezer, et al.	✓	
69.	D.H.	5,283,029	02/01/94	Ellemor	✓	
70.	D.H.	5,329,861	07/19/94	McCarthy	✓	
71.	D.H.	5,329,862	07/19/94	Breezer, et al.	✓	
72.	D.H.	5,337,681	08/16/94	Schrage	✓	
73.	D.H.	5,351,627	10/04/94	Junaedi	✓	
74.	D.H.	5,351,628	10/04/94	Breezer, et al.	✓	
75.	D.H.	5,351,629	10/04/94	Breezer, et al.	✓	
76.	D.H.	5,367,960	11/29/94	Schleicher	✓	
77.	D.H.	5,367,961	11/29/94	Arai, et al.	✓	
78.	D.H.	5,390,467	02/21/95	Shuert	✓	
79.	D.H.	5,391,251	02/21/95	Shuert	✓	
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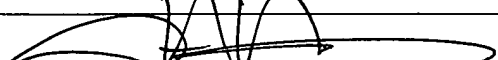
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83.	D.H.	5,407,632	04/18/95	Constantino, et al.	✓	
84.	D.H.	5,408,937	04/25/95	Knight, IV et al.	✓	
85.	D.H.	5,413,052	05/09/95	Breezer, et al.	✓	
86.	D.H.	5,427,732	06/27/95	Shuert	✓	
87.	D.H.	5,470,641	11/28/95	Shuert	✓	
88.	D.H.	5,492,069	02/20/96	Alexander, et al.	✓	
89.	D.H.	5,505,141	04/09/96	Barber	✓	
90.	D.H.	5,527,585	06/18/96	Needham, et al.	✓	
91.	D.H.	5,531,585	07/02/96	Lupke	✓	
92.	D.H.	5,535,668	07/16/96	Besaw, et al.	✓	
93.	D.H.	5,555,820	09/17/96	Shuert	✓	
94.	D.H.	5,596,933	01/28/97	Knight, et al.		
95.	D.H.	5,606,921	03/04/97	Elder, et al.		
96.	D.H.	5,620,715	04/15/97	Hart, et al.		
97.	D.H.	5,624,622	04/29/97	Boyce, et al.		
98.	D.H.	5,624,630	04/29/97	Breezer, et al.		
99.	D.H.	5,635,129	06/03/97	Breezer, et al.		
100.	D.H.	5,635,306	06/03/97	Minamida, et al.		
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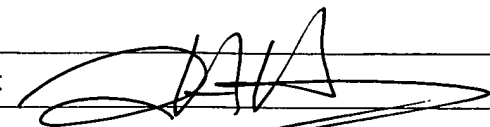
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102.	D.H.	5,687,652	11/18/97	Ruma		
103.	D.H.	5,716,581	02/10/98	Tirrell, et al.		
104.	D.H.	5,755,162	05/26/98	Knight, et al.		
105.	D.H.	5,769,003	06/23/98	Rose, et al.		
106.	D.H.	5,778,801	07/14/98	Delacour		
107.	D.H.	5,782,129	07/21/98	Vanderzee, et al.		
108.	D.H.	5,791,262	08/11/98	Knight, et al.		
109.	D.H.	5,794,542	08/18/98	Besaw		
110.	D.H.	5,794,544	08/18/98	Shuert		
111.	D.H.	5,800,846	09/01/98	Hart		
112.	D.H.	5,813,355	09/29/98	Brown, et al.		
113.	D.H.	5,814,185	09/29/98	Chun, et al.		
114.	D.H.	5,830,299	11/03/98	Teixidor Casanovas, et al.		
115.	D.H.	5,836,255	11/17/98	Uitz		
116.	D.H.	5,843,366	12/01/98	Shuert		
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118.	D.H.	5,860,369	01/19/99	John, et al.		
119.	D.H.	5,862,760	01/26/99	Kohlhaas		
120.	D.H.	5,868,080	02/09/99	Wyler, et al.		
121.	D.H.	5,879,495	03/09/99	Evans		


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122.	D.H.	5,885,691	03/23/99	Breezer, et al.		
123.	D.H.	5,894,803	04/20/99	Kuga		
124.	D.H.	5,900,203	05/04/99	Needham, et al.		
125.	D.H.	5,921,189	07/13/99	Estep		
126.	D.H.	5,950,545	09/14/99	Shuert		
127.	D.H.	5,950,546	09/14/99	Brown, et al.		
128.	D.H.	5,967,057	10/19/99	Nakayama, et al.		
129.	D.H.	5,975,879	11/02/99	Dresen, et al.		
130.	D.H.	5,980,231	11/09/99	Arends, et al.		
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132.	D.H.	6,006,677	12/28/99	Apps, et al.		
133.	D.H.	6,018,927	02/01/00	Major		
134.	D.H.	6,021,721	02/08/00	Rushton		
135.	D.H.	6,029,583	02/29/00	LeTrudet		
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D.H.	1	CLEVELAND CONSULTING ASSOCIATES, Recommendations on the Grocery Industry Pallet System, 1989. GROCERY Manufacturers of America, INC. Washington, DC.	
D.H.	2	CLYDE E. WITT, GUIDELINE FOR PLASTIC PALLET, MATERIAL HANDLING ENGINEERING, SEPT '98, p. 22.	
D.H.	3	CLYDE E. WITT, What You Need to Know about Plastic Pallets, MATERIAL HANDLING ENGINEERING, SEPT '98 PP. 57-63.	
D.H.	4	PETER MAPLETON, Plastic set to take a share of market for Wood Pallets, July '98, pp. 68-73.	
D.H.	5	Advertisement, MOLDING THE FUTURE, Menasha Corporation, Material Handling Engineering, Sept '98	

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